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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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This paper is submitted together with applicants' Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Action dated January 20, 2006, in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed by the accompanying Petition and Fee for Extension of Time, extending the due date from April 20, 2006 to May 22, 2006. (May 20, 2006 is a Saturday.)

Amendments to Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Please amend the claims as requested below.